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In re Continuation Application of:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to an examination on the merits, please amend the above identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert as the first sentence - This application is a continuation application of pending U.S. application serial number 08/960,054, filed October 29, 1997, ^{Pat. 6,261,537} which has been allowed and the Issue Fee timely paid, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application serial number 08/958,993, filed October 28, 1997, ^{Pat. 6,264,917} which has been allowed and the Issue Fee timely paid, ^{both which claim benefit to 60/049,264 and 60/049,265, filed June 6, 1997 and 60/049,268, filed June 7, 1997.}

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-37 without prejudice or disclaimer and add the following new claims to the application.

- -38. A targetable diagnostic and/or therapeutically active agent comprising a suspension of a reporter comprising gas-filled microbubbles stabilised by monolayers of film-forming surfactant in an aqueous carrier liquid, and

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